

Unit 18 at a Glance

The Ministry of Paul

Unit Overview

In this unit the students will meet and travel with the apostle Paul. Transformed from persecutor to preacher, Paul proved his faith and devotion as he traveled around the world to take the gospel to every man and woman. The students will see that Paul's faith was tested, yet he was a powerful example of what it means to be "sold out" for Jesus.

Unit Goals

- The students will learn that Saul made a radical change as a disciple.
- The students will understand that Paul was willing to go anywhere for the gospel.
- The students will believe that God wants them to have a heart like Paul.

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Lesson 1 The Conversion of Saul

Scripture Memory Verse

Acts 9:22

Yet Saul grew more and more powerful and baffled the Jews living in Damascus by proving that Jesus is the Christ.

"Radical Man!" best describes the change in Saul from persecutor to preacher. The students will not only examine the amazing changes in Saul, but they will also think of a way that they can change for God.

Lesson 2 The First Missionary Trip

Scripture Memory Verse

Ephesians 2:10

For we are God's workmanship, created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God prepared in advance for us to do.

The students will see how Paul and Barnabas teamed up for the first missionary journey. As they consider the places that Paul shared his faith, the students will be inspired to share with others about Jesus.

Lesson 3 Lydia and the Jailer

Scripture Memory Verse

Acts 16:14

The Lord opened her heart to respond to Paul's message.

Paul took every opportunity to tell others about Jesus—even in a jail cell! Paul and Silas trusted God in the face

of death. The students will be inspired to think of how they can be godly in difficult circumstances.

Lesson 4 Apollos

Scripture Memory Verse

Matthew 28:19-20

"Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age."

As they hear the story of Priscilla, Aquila and Apollos, the students will think of disciples who can teach them the word of God as well as think of someone they can share a scripture with this week.

Lesson 5 Ephesus

Scripture Memory Verse

1 Peter 2:12

Live such good lives among the pagans that, though they accuse you of doing wrong, they may see your good deeds and glorify God on the day he visits us.

Riotous uproar and angry mobs were just some of the responses that Paul received in Ephesus. The students will not only see that some people will reject the gospel, but they will also think of ways that they can face the pressure of their peers.

Lesson 6 Arrested in Jerusalem

Scripture Memory Verse

Romans 8:28

And we know that in all things God works for the good of those who love him, who have been called according to his purpose.

In Jerusalem, Paul's good news report to the brothers was followed with opposition, persecution and a life-saving arrest. As the students consider Paul's amazing faith and attitude, they will think of one good result of a difficult time in their lives.

Lesson 7 Voyage to Rome

Scripture Memory Verse

Philippians 1:12

Now I want you to know, brothers, that what has happened to me has really served to advance the gospel.

Paul's voyage and station in Rome marked the end of the book of Acts, but opened a new and exciting door for Paul's ministry—and will inspire the students to show their own courage for Christ.



3rd and 4th Grades

Dear Parent,

In this unit the students will meet and travel with the apostle Paul. Transformed from persecutor to preacher, Paul proved his faith and devotion as he traveled around the world to take the gospel to every man and woman. The students will see that Paul's faith was tested through persecution—both physical and personal. Paul will give the students a powerful example of what it means to be “sold out” for Jesus.

On the reverse side of this page, you will find an outline and a description of the lessons that comprise this unit. Included with each lesson is a Scripture Memory Verse for you to review with your child at home.

Your active involvement outside the classroom is essential and will truly make the Kingdom Kids Curriculum a great success for your child. Here are some suggested ways you can reinforce these lessons at home:

- Using the book of Acts and your child's timeline from the lessons in Unit 18, trace Paul's journeys and adventures. Find a Bible Atlas to explain the modern day names of the places that Paul visited. Try to plot each of Paul's journeys on a modern map. Calculate the total distance of Paul's travels. Talk about what it would be like today to go to those same places. Imagine what it would have been like to travel without phones or other means of communication. Consider the potential dangers that surrounded Paul and the countless ways that God protected and encouraged Paul.
- Have a family devotional comparing Jesus' suffering with Paul's. Select passages from Matthew 26-27 to compare with Acts 16, 19 and 21. Point out that Paul faced angry mobs, brutal beatings, political plots, arrests, and rejection just as Jesus did. Talk about the fact that Paul considered himself honored to share in the sufferings of Christ, and discuss as a family how to have the same attitude. Close with a time to pray and thank God for his protection of your family and for disciples who face intense persecution in other parts of the world.
- Invite a disciple from a Jewish background to have dinner with your family. Ask them what it was like for them to convert from Judaism to Christianity. Encourage your child to think of questions for your guest, based on the studies about Paul. Ask your guest for ideas to help you reach out and share Jesus with Jewish people in your community.
- Celebrate “Attitude of Gratitude” month in your home. Each day for one month, write one thing that you are grateful for—from insults to friends who come to church! Talk at the end of the month about how focusing on gratitude has changed your family and share this with others!

We look forward to being partners with you to help your child grow to know and love God more. Thank you,

Your child's teachers